

Welcome to First Christian Reformed Church!

Thanksgiving Service – 7:00 PM

November 22, 2017

* Please stand if you are able.

“Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving”

Prelude: Marjo Rouw

* Opening Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #5:1-2 ***“Let All Things Now Living”***

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o’er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

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* Responsive Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 100): Led by Michele Feddema & Jordan Feddema

Child: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*Adult: Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before him with joyful songs.*

**People: Know that the Lord is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his;
We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Child: Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;*

Adult: give thanks to him and praise his name.

**People: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

* Opening Song of Praise: ***“Ten Thousand Reasons”*** vs. 1-3

Chorus:

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.*

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I’ll worship Your holy name.

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Chorus

2. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Chorus

3. And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Chorus

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.*

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worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.
Worship Your holy name.*

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* God's Greeting / We Greet Each Other

"To God the Creator triumphantly raise,"

We Give God Thanks for our Country: Read by Hannah & Kayla Van Hofwegen

Reader 1: As we gather for this Thanksgiving Day, we count our blessings,
one by one, and realize that we don't often show enough
appreciation for the bounty that is ours.

Reader 2: For redwoods, white plains, and the wild blue yonder,

Reader 1: for Yellowstone and brownstones,

Reader 2: for evergreen trees and orange groves,

Reader 1: for little pink houses and purple mountains' majesty,

Reader 2: for every divinely painted acre of this sweet land of ours,

Together: we give you praise. (Pause)

Reader 1: For Idaho potatoes and Texas toast,

Reader 2: for Washington apples and Hawaiian pineapples,

Reader 1: for Illinois corn and Maryland crab cakes,

Reader 2: for Ohio cherries and Florida strawberries,

Reader 1: for Philly cheese steaks and Chicago deep dish pizza,

Reader 2: for Maine lobster and Mississippi mud pie,

Reader 1: for every home-cooked meal and home-grown harvest,

Together: we give you praise. (Pause)

Reader 2: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,

Reader 1: we thank you this day for

Reader 2: police and firefighters,

Reader 1: for the MDs and the EMTs,

Reader 2: for Army rangers and Navy Seals,

Reader 1: for Air Force cadets and Marine Corps reserves,

Reader 2: for all who serve,

Reader 1: we thank them and we thank you, O God,
our creator and redeemer. **(Pause)**

Reader 2: For Psalm 23 and Ecclesiastes 3,

Reader 1: for “How Great Thou Art” and “Morning Has
Broken,”

Reader 2: for “Amazing Grace” and “Jesus Loves Me,”

Together: we give you praise. (Pause)

Reader 1: For uncommon valor that never sleeps;

Reader 2: for steady hands, sturdy legs, broad shoulders,
and level heads;

Reader 1: for blood, sweat, and tears; for conquering our fears;

Together: we give you praise.

Reader 2: Father, we join with heart and voice all the people
of our country to honor and thank you.

Reader 1: We ask you, Lord, as our forefathers and
mothers did, to secure for our country and
for all peoples of the world the greatest
blessings of freedom and peace.

Together: O God, hear our prayer. Amen.

* Hymn of Response: LUYH #19:1,2,4,5 **“For the Beauty of the Earth”**

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain

*Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Refrain

4. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

5. For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

Refrain

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We Give God Thanks For (And With) our Children Led by Sheri, Joel & Caleb Link

Adult: In the words of our children: For our moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas, brothers and sisters,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Child #1: For warm houses in cold weather, for hospitals that take care of sick people, for good schools where teachers make learning fun,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Child #2: For friends to play with, fun fairs, pictures, and a country that has so much I can even go door to door and ask for candy,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Child #1: For theater, talents, songs I make up, books to read, and television,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Adult: For the freedom of religion and the people who make our church a place of worship,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Child #2: For all the magic kingdoms you've created,

People: we give you thanks, O God.

Adult: And because we can be here together

People: we give you thanks, O God. Amen.

Song of Response: LUYH #358 **"Give Thanks"**

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son

And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "I am strong!"
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

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We Give Thanks to God for our Church and God's Grace in Christ: Led by Brad De Kok

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our Rock, our Fortress and our Deliverer.

People: Let us remember his mercy, for he is gracious and compassionate.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for calling us to faith in Christ,

**People: for putting your Spirit within us,
for giving us the mind of Christ,
for gathering us into your church.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for extending your grace
to us, for beckoning us to a life of gratitude,
for calling us to service in your kingdom.

People: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he satisfies the thirsty.
He fills the hungry with good things, and he heals the afflicted.

People: Let us celebrate God's abundant goodness.

Leader: We thank you, gracious Father, that you provide for all of our needs.

People: We praise you, Lord.

Leader: For all your gifts that go beyond our basic needs,
for the things that make our work easier,
for the conveniences of modern life,
for the beauty and pleasure that you bring into our lives and church.

People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn of Response and Preparation: ***"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"***

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me with His light,
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.
2. My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough
for every step I take;
Sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth
is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow Him.

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“Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,”

Scripture Reading: Psalm 136 (pg. 616)

Meditation: ***“His Love Endures Forever”***

Time of Prayer

“Who guides us and leads to the end of our days.”

* Song of Application: ***“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”***

I’m forgiven because You were forsaken.
I’m accepted, You were condemned.
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
Because You died and rose again. (2x)

*Amazing love, how can it be
that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true;
It’s my joy to honor You. (2x)*

In all I do I honor You.

You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus You are my King, Jesus You are my King.

*Amazing love, how can it be
That You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true;
It’s my joy to honor You. In all I do I honor You.*

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At the conclusion of the song the Choir Members are invited forward.

Ministry of Music: ***“Simple Praise”*** Choir

For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
for the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

*Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
who has given us breath and given His Son.
To the Giver of blessings for all of our days our days,
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.*

For the love of a mother, for the touch of a hand;
for the deeper emotions we can't understand.
For the lessons we learn from the trials we face;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

The heart of the Giver, the hand of the One
from whom ev'ry blessing of living has come;
for measureless mercy and limitless grace,
for these simple gifts we give simple praise.
For a canvas of colors, for a concert of sound;
for the unfolding seasons, the earth spinning round.
For the birth of each sunrise, for the sky set ablaze;
for these simple gifts, we give simple praise.

*Simple praise for the Giver, and thanks to the One
who has given us breath and given His Son.
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Offertory: Marjo Rouw & Sylvia Van Zanten

* Closing Hymn of Thanksgiving: LUYH #543:1-3 ***“Now Thank We All Our God”***

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven—
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

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* Benediction

* Parting Praise: LUYH #873:1-3 ***“Praise and Thanksgiving”***

1. Praise and thanksgiving let everyone bring
unto our Father for every good thing.
All together, joyfully sing!
2. All people, join us and sing out God’s praise.
For all his blessings your happy songs raise.
All together, joyfully sing!
3. May we go out from here sharing God’s love.
Help us in coming days our faith to prove.
All together, joyfully sing!

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* Postlude